



## BAPTISMAL REGISTER

**Please Print** Date \_\_\_\_\_ Registered In Parish Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_  
First M Last

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

City, State & Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
First - Middle - Last

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
First - Middle - Last (Maiden)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Was the child privately baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Were the parents married by a Catholic priest? \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather's Religion/Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Religion/Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested for Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Name of priest/deacon \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewed By \_\_\_\_\_

**Do Not Write Below This Line**

DATE OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_ Priest \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return the completed form to the rectory at least two weeks prior to the Baptism*

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The Catholic community of St. Stephen Martyr Parish rejoices with you as you prepare to have your child baptized.

### WHO MAY BE BAPTIZED AT ST. STEPHEN MARTYR?

The child of any registered and participating member of the parish. Parents, not members of this parish (even though at times they may attend Sunday Mass here) and living outside the boundaries of St. Stephen Martyr parish, will need to have a letter of permission from the local pastor in whose parish they reside to have their child baptized here at St. Stephen.

The entrance into the Church, through the sacrament of Baptism, is an important moment and not to be taken lightly or celebrated without proper catechesis (religious instruction) that leads to a deeper understanding of what is taking place. If the parents live in another parish, these instructions should be received there....with a letter of completion and permission from the pastor of THAT parish to have the child baptized here.

For many years the Church has spoken of the family as the “domestic Church” and has stressed the *role of parents as the primary educators in the practice of the faith of their children*. The parents who wish to present their child for Baptism need to be active in the life of the Church. Likewise, it is essential that clear understanding of the role of god-parents (sponsors) as representatives of the Church, be presented and properly understood. It is often asked: How many god-parents? The Church calls for no more than two god-parents (god-father and god-mother). Sometimes there may be a non-Catholic witness along with a Catholic god-parent, sponsor.

### WHO MAY BE A GOD-PARENT (SPONSOR)?

-”Be not less than 16 years of age”

-”Be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and has received the Blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befit’s the role to be undertaken.”

-”not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared.”

-”not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized.”

-”A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted ONLY in company with a Catholic god-parent, and then simply as a witness to the baptism” (Canon Law 874).